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...Proceedings...

OF THE

Fourteenth Annual Session

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TOMBIGBEE

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Union Grove Church,

Tildon, Itawamba County, Mississippi,

OCTOBER 16TH, 17TH, 18TH, AND 19TH, 1897.

Wm. M. Chaffin, Moderator ..... Eastman, Miss.

Frank M. Blount, Clerk and Treasurer, Highland, "

NEXT MEETING. Place—Highland, fourteen miles South of Iuka. Time—10 a. m. Saturday before 3rd Lord's day in October, 1898. Introductory preacher, W. W. Gilbert. Alternate preacher, D. R. McClung.

Proceedings.

The Tombigbee Association met in its fourteenth annual session with Union Grove church, Itawamba county, Mississippi, on Saturday, the 16th day of October, 1897. Elder D R McClung was excused from preaching Introductory sermon on account of sickness and on motion Elder James F Benson was selected to preach the sermon. Text: 1st Timothy, 3rd chapter 15th verse: "The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

After refreshments the Association was called to order by the Moderator who read for the opening service 2nd chapter of Ephesians. In absence of the clerk, F M Blount was appointed clerk pro tem.

The Moderator appointed committee on Finance—R. J. Hammett, C. C. Shook, R. C. Holley.

J. M. Weaver and S T Graham, were appointed reading clerks.

Letters from the following churches read and delegates enrolled: Union Grove—J. K. P. Scott, A. J. Jamison, W. P. Farrar, N. P. Horn. Bethany—Wm. M. Chaffin, R. C. Holley, G. A. Holley Fairview—L. N. Carpenter, J. F. Vinson, E. L. Martin, S. T. Graham. Salem—S. T. Beam. New Home—D. R. McAfee, J. F. Webb, G. W. Guntharp, J. R. Chamblee. Highland—D. A. Neal, J. M. F. Neal, F. M. Blount. Bethel—V. H. Hamilton, W. F. Dickison. Antioch—S. Mayhall, Preston Yarbor. Ebenezer—C. C. Shook, C. A. Gilbert. Prospect—J. W. Upton, W. T. McClung. Bethlehem—M. L. Storment. Mt. Pleasant—J. T. Robinson, W. H. Rouse, R. T. Senter, J. T. Dulaney. Jacksons Camp—M. S. Britnell, D. Britnell. Shiloh—G. W. Carmack. Evergreen—J. J. Lyttle. Mt. Pisgah—B. F. Anthony, E. L. Lunsford, T. M. Lyle. Mt. Moriah—G. W. Cook, T. J. Doster. Providence—C. S. Burns, J. M. Weaver, J. J. Underwood. Mt. Zion —J. H. Powell. Red Bud—R. J. Hammett.

Called for petitionary letters. Letters presented and delegates enrolled from the following churches: Liberty Grove—W. G. Summerford, K. C. Summerford. Tremont—Joe Roper, Orlando Roper. Pleasant Ridge—J. S. Campbell, William Hodges. Harmony—T. J. Taylor. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Moderator.

By acclamation Wm M Chaffin was reelected Moderator and F M Blount was elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Called for correspondence. F M Gregory and P F Wallace were received as corresponding Messengers from the Judson Association.

Devotional Committee was appointed by the Moderator: D A

Neal, T J Taylor, T J Doster and deacons of Union Grove church.

The Moderator announced the following committees: Foreign Missions—D R McClung, W D Bookout, R C Burns. State Missions—W A Turnage, J M Weaver, S J Graham. Home Missions—S Mayhall, C S Burns, W T Farrar. Orphans Home—W A Turnage, sisters S C Farrar, S E Benson. Publications—W A Turnage, J M F Neal, James Chamblee. Destitution—W H Rouse, J F Benson, Joe Vinson. Sabbath Schools—G A Holley, D A Neal, S T Graham. Ministerial Education—W A Turnage, D R McClung, J M F Neal. Temperance—D R McClung, C A Gilbert, J K P Scott. Obituaries—W A Turnage, J M F Neal, J F Benson. Nominations—J M Weaver, R J Hammett, Joe Vinson. Documents—D A Neal, R C Holley, J J Underwood.

The devotional committee reported that Elder W A Turnage preach Sunday morning at 9:30 after which it was agreed to hold a Sunday School mass meeting. The body then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The committee on hospitalities read their record and delegates were assigned homes.

SUNDAY MORNING—The services were opened with praise and prayer followed by a sermon from Elder W A Turnage on the identity of the church. A talk was made by Prof G A Holley on Sunday Schools in line of the report on Sunday Schools, followed by Prof J M Weaver, Elders D A McClung and Robinson. After which the delegates covenanted together to work earnestly for Sabbath Schools in their respective churches. The sermon on missions was preached at 11 o'clock by N F Clayton followed by W A Turnage. At close of his sermon a collection was taken up for missions. Result, $12.32.

SUNDAY NIGHT—Elder J T Robinson preached from 3rd chapter 9th verse of Genesis, followed by Elder D R McClung.

MONDAY MORNING—Prayer by J M Weaver. Minutes read and approved. Roll called and absentees marked. Correspondents appointed.

To Southern Baptist Convention—W A Turnage, alternate J M Weaver. State Convention—J F Benson, W M Chaffin, W A Turnage, W D Bookout, D R McClung. Judson Association—W A Turnage W D Bookout, W M Chaffin, J K P Scott, W H Rouse. Big Bear Creek Association—D R McClung, W H Rouse, J H Powell, C A Gilbert, F M Blount. Tishomingo Association—W D Page, R J Hammett, C C Shook, M D L Storment, J M F Neal.

Call for report of committees.

PUBLICATIONS—We your committee beg leave to submit the following report: Having two papers in our state that are worthy of patronage, the Layman and the Record, we heartily endorse them both and earnestly desire to see one or both in every home in our Association as this is the direct medium through which we come in touch with our state work and the Brotherhood of the state. We further recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Literature for Sunday Schools.

Respectfully Submitted, W A TURNAGE.

The Association adjourned for preaching. Elder W A Turnage

preached on the theme of Gospel Blessings, followed by W D Bookout.

MONDAY EVENING—Met at 1:30 prayer by Brother R C Holley. The devotional committee reported that Elders W D Bookout preach at 7:30 Monday night and D R McClung on Tuesday at 11 o'clock. A letter was received and read from Elder W W Gilbert who was absent on account of sickness. Special prayer was offered for him, led by W A Turnage.

DESTITUTION—We your committee on Destitution beg leave to submit the following report: We find the following points of Destitution —Moore's School House, near Tynes; Forest Grove, near Mingo, in Tishomingo county. New Salem, near Rufe Burns', the Academy, on Jim's Creek, Mount Pleasant, on head waters of John's, and Gum Creek. And we recommend that you continue the mission work and supply these places with preaching, and, above all, that the churches untie the hands of their pastors that they may be able to supply the destitution in our Baptist homes, which are bleeding for pastoral advice and love. Respectfully Submitted, W A TURNAGE, Ch'mn.

NOMINATIONS—We your committee on Nominations report as follows: We place in nomination Salem church for the next annual meeting of this body. Elder W W Gilbert to preach the introductory sermon and Elder D R McClung alternate. Elder J F Benson to preach the missionary sermon and Elder W A Turnage alternate.

Respectfully Submitted, J M WEAVER, Chairm'n.

The report was amended by substituting Highland as the next place of meeting.

DOCUMENTS—Your committee on Documents respectfully submit the following report: We notice a few churches report revivals of religion. Others report that they are in good condition. It seems that very little interest is taken by most of our churches in Sunday School work, while a few of our churches report good Sunday Schools. The Union Meeting of the First District will meet with the Mount Pleasant church on Friday before the third Sunday in August 1898, Elder N T Clayton to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W D Bookout alternate. The Union of the Second District will meet with Salem church, on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1898, Elder D R McClung to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J M Harrison, alternate.

D A NEAL, Chairman.

FINANCE—We your committee on Finance report as follows: Minute Fund $22.55, Mexican Missions $3.66, Associational Missions $7.30, State Missions 75cts., collection on Sunday $12.32. Total $47.58.

R J HAMMETT, Chairman.

On motion the collection taken up on Sunday was equally divided

between Associational and Mexican Missions.

TEMPERANCE—We your committee on Temperance make the following report: Brethren, the Temperance cause is one of great importance. Intemperance is a great evil. We believe Alcoholic drinks to be the greatest curse that infests our land to day. It is the cause of much crime. It robs youth of its vigor, manhood of its strength. If continued in, destroys soul and body. Whisky poisons morals, destroys homes It curses the world and laughs at the calamity it has wrought. It is the devil's best friend. Brethren, let us stand up against this great curse, let us heed the admonition of the Bible, Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing.

D R McCLUNG, Chairman.

The report was spoken on by Brothers C A Gilbert, D R McClung, F M Gregory and others and an amendment offered by Elder W A Turnage and adopted by a rising vote of the whole audience and the papers of Tishomingo and Itawamba requested to publish same. Amendment as follows.

AMENDMENT TO REPORT ON TEMPERANCE—We resolve that we as Baptists recognize that our legislature has tried to stop the accursed whisky traffic, and that we have noble officers who will execute the law if assisted by the citizens and that we, the Tombigbee Association, pledge our support to assist our officers in the suppression of this crime. Respectfully Submitted, W A TURNAGE.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Realizing as we do that God has said in prophesy that "Ignorance is the is the parent of destruction" and also that in olden times they had "schools for the prophets," and recognizing the fact that nothing can rise above its source, the great necessity of a high standard of schools for the ministry and realizing that God has raised up in our own Association two noble, God-loving, God-fearing young men—Profs. G A and J T Holley, the founders of the Oakland Normal Institute—where our ministers can acquire an education more cheaply than they can anywhere else, as the tuition for themselves and children is free. We furthermore commend them and their school and pledge our support; and in connection with the above school we recommend Mississippi College at Clinton, our State Baptist University for young men. We further recommend that we hold a Minister's Institute in the bounds of our Association, to begin the first of July, 1898, and continue one month. Respectfully Submitted,

W A TURNAGE, Chairman.

The subject was discussed by Bros. J M Weaver, J F Benson, D R McClung, G A Holley, W A Turnage and the report adopted. The Institute building at Oakland was tendered free of charge for the Institute and the following subscription taken for the same: Prof. G A Holley, $10 and board for two; J M Weaver, $10 and board for two; Eld. W A Turnage, $10. Eld. J F Benson, $5; Prof. C A Gilbert, $5; Eld. W D Bookout, $5; Henry Thomas, $5; Joe Raper, $10.

On motion the Association adjourned to 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. Prayer by the Moderator.

TUESDAY MORNING.—The Association opened with prayer by W A Turnage.

STATE MISSIONS. Realizing as we do that this year has been exceptionally a hard one on State Missions, owing to the fact that the Mississippi and Delta valley has been inundated, thereby destroying the property of our people, and the scourge of yellow fever has followed and thereby demoralized the work of State Missions, making a greater necessity for our co-operation in the state work. We furthermore recognize the fact that we have been the direct recipients of the munificence of the State Board, and we recommend that pastors take regular collections for this noble cause. Respectfully Submitted,

W A TURNAGE, Chairman.

HOME MISSIONS. We your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report: The Home Missions, embracing the Southern States and Cuba, is one of the greatest of Baptist works, and while our work is temporarily suspended in Cuba, owing to the oppression of our people by the bloody hand of the "Old Harlot," (the Roman Catholic church,) there is the greatest need for this mission that ever has been, and no true man can look on the noble little band who are striving for soul freedom, as our forefathers did in our own Southland, and withhold a helping hand. We urge that this matter be pressed home to the hearts of our people till they respond in liberal contributions to Home Missions. Respectfully Submitted,

S. MAYHALL, Chairman.

Bros. W A Turnage, J F Benson and N T Clayton spoke on the adoption of the report on Home Missions. Bro. Clayton urged the Brotherhood to do something for the cause and $3.60 was contributed to Home Missions.

ORPHAN'S HOME. We your Committee on Orphan's Home located at Jackson, Miss., beg leave to submit the following report: The Baptist hearts have always been open to the cries of the poor and especially those of the orphans. The apostle James says, pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and keep yourselves unspotted from the world. In prophecy we find God's special blessings rest on the orphans, for he says: "The silver and gold are mine, saith the Lord of hosts." Holy habitation. Psalms 68 -5. And "he that giveth to the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he giveth will he repay him. Prov. 19: 17. We earnestly recommend that our pastors urge this measure on their respective churches and that they appoint committees on Orphan's Home among the sisters.

Respectfully Submitted, W A TURNAGE, MRS. S. C. FARRAR, MRS S E BENSON, Committee.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Your committee begs leave to make the following report on Sunday Schools: We believe one of the first things that must be done to Christianize people is to teach or educate them. We further believe that Bible education is one of the leading factors in

all callings and professions besides being a preparatory step to Christianity. We further believe that activity of both mind and body is the leading characteristic of the rising generation and for this reason if we do not engage those activities for good they will be engaged for bad. We further know that all humanity is subject to be lured by attractions and for this reason Sunday Schools should be made the center of attraction for each community. To do this we would recommend that each Sunday School adopt the Southern Baptist Literature and organize a singing class. Classify the school, make explanations and recitations short, not allow some croke in the community to lecture all the time of recitation and in fact make all exercises short and interesting.

Respectfully Submitted, G A Holley, Chairman.

Foreign Missions—We your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to make the following report: In accordance with reasons set forth in other reports on missions we heartily recommend that each church do all in its power to continue the noble work already begun and that we make an effort to do more in the future on that line than we have done in the past. D R McClung, Ch'n.

Obituaries—We your committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following report: We find that since our last Association the angel of death has visited us, and taken from our midst the following beloved brothers and sisters: Joe Summerford, T A Raper, Cleaborn Throne, L J Roberson, Tempy Chadwick, John Harp, C M Upton and M J Burch. Sisters Ore Ann Cowden, Rebecca Stone, Pruda Hughes, Nancy Wilson, Mollie Aldrige, Peggie King, Pernicia Hutchison, Elizabeth Hutchison, E V Burns, Kate Chamblis, also Bro. H Brown. Brethren, let us not mourn as those who have no hope, but let us bow in humble submission to the will of Him that doeth all things well, for we realize that a great many think their lives or lights have gone out forever. But in this list of loved ones we see a mother's steady, soft and earnest light that beams through wants and sorrows, a father's strong, quick light, that kept our feet from stumbling in the dark and treacherous way. A brother's light forever sleeping in our soul. A sister's light so mild, so pure, so constant and shining upon us from gentle, loving eyes, and persuaded us to grace, and goodness, gone out forever! No thank God, they are not gone out, but are shining above the stars where there's no day nor night forever.

Respectfully Submitted, W A Turnage, Ch'n.

Eulogistic speeches were delivered by Elders W A Turnage, J F [illegible]n and D R McClung. At the request of the latter "going home" [illegible]sung, the brethren and sisters shook hands and desires expressed to meet the departed ones in the sweet bye and bye.

Missionaries Report—The annual report of W A Turnage, Missionary: Miles traveled, 1,588; days of actual service, 216; number of stations, 5; sermons preached, 271; prayer meetings attended, 149; families visited for religious purposes, 757; persons baptized, 27; persons baptized where I have labored, 29; received by letter, 25; restored to church fellowship, 7; churches organized, 4; Sunday School addresses, 2;

pages tracts distributed, 700; amount on collection book, $1 50; collection on pledges, $134.96; collected for personal services, ——; collected for state missions, 50c; collected for other purposes, 68c; houses of worship commenced, 1; houses of worship finished, 0; houses of worship repaired, 1; received to date of state board, $70.00.

Respectfully Submitted, W A Turnage, Missionary.

Report of Executive Board—We met at Yale, Miss., Dec. 1st, 1896, and organized by electing R T Senter chairman and Wm M Chaffin secretary. We contracted with Elder W A Turnage for three-fourths of his time at $30 per month. The state board has our heartfelt thanks for their co-operation in this work. We have held 3 mission meetings during the year. As to the results of the work of our evangelist, we refer you to his report to this body. We are much pleased to be able to report that the churches and brethren have met their obligations in full with Elder W A Turnage. We respectfully offer the following resolutions: Be it Resolved, That we return our heartfelt thanks to Brother W A Turnage for the work he has done in revolutionizing the mission spirit in this Association as we believe it to be of lasting and inestimable value to its mission interest. We further believe that the energy and ability with which he has worked in teaching Baptist principles has done more than any other factor to indoctrinate the people within the bounds of this Association. We further believe that God has appointed this good time and this Godly man to do this grand work. We further believe that he has been the most conspicuous character in raising Christianity to the plain in which each associational year should raise it. We further believe that the Association cannot dispense or allow to leave its bounds such a man as Brother Turnage if it be possible to hold him within our bounds. Respectfully Submitted,

R T Senter, Ch'n, Wm M Chaffin, Sec't

On motion the Executive Board was continued as last year with the addition Brothers J F Benson and J M Weaver. W A Turnage was elected as missionary for the year 1898.

Treasurer's Report—Receipts 1896: Minute fund, $22.15; Mexican missions, $10.05; Ex. Messenger S. B. C. 50; total $32.70. Disbursements 1896: Printing minutes, $10; Clerk's fee, $12.15; Mexican missions, $10.05; total $32.20. Balance on hand, 50. The amount on hand as per treasurer's report last year, $1.40, was not turned over to me.

Respectfully Submitted, W T Shook, Clerk and Treas.

On motion all money in hands of delegates for ministerial education was turned over to Brother N T Clayton.

Resolution of Thanks—Be it resolved by the Tombigbee Association that we now tender our sincere thanks to the noble and kind hearted people of Union Grove Church and community for the kind respect and hospitality shown us during our stay among them. And now that the parting hour is at hand, we feel sad to part with those we have

learned to love But it is only for a while. We will soon meet again on the everlasting shores of sweet deliverance, in an associated capacity, where we will never part again. Farewell.

Respectfully, CLERKS.

The amount received by W A Turnage was $15.04 short of his salary. On motion of Brother J F Benson a collection was taken up and the amount $150.00 was paid in full.

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On motion adjourned to meet with Highland Church on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1898. "God be with you" was sung and the parting hand was given.

WM M CHAFFIN, Moderator.

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W D Bookout	Bowen,	"
A F Cole	Coke,	"
A N Cook	Clay,	"

J. A. Conwill

2ND DISTRICT.

Eastman "

J M Harrison	Dennis,	Miss.
W W Gilbert	Belmont,	"
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L M Taylor	Mann,	"
D R McClung	Golden,	"

J. T. Parker

LICENTIATES.

Coke, "

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1ST DIST.

CHURCHES.	P
Bethany	J H
Providence	J H
Mt. Pisgah	J E
Mt. Pleasant	J H
New Home	J H
Union Grove	J H
Harmony	W
Tremont	J E
Mt. Zion	N T
Mount Moriah	W
Liberty Grove	W
Evergreen	A F
Fairview	W
Shiloh	D R
2ND DIST.	
Pleasant Ridge	D R
Bethlehem	J M
Antioch	W
Highland	W
Ebenezer	W
Bethel	J M
Prospect	L M
Salem	D R
Jackson Camp	D R
Red Bud	J M
Union	L M
TOTAL	

NOTE:—Hop
Missions was $150.

PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Received By Baptism.	Received By Letter.	Restored....	Died.....	Dismissed By Letter.	Excluded....	Membership.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Mexican Missions.	Salary.	Pastor's Fund.	Minute
J F Benson...	G A Holley.....	Yale.....	3	6		1	5	1	78	$38.15	$.75		$1.00	$ 49.05	$ 1.60	
J F Benson...	W B Hopkins...	Rara Avis.....	3	8		2	3	0	55	2.50			1.60	27.50	1.50	
J E Anthony..	T M Lyle.....	Clay.....	7		1	1	9	9	50	7.40				17.25	1.00	
J F Benson...	W H Rouse.....	Raburnville....				2	1		85	8.50			3.10	6.00	.75	
J F Benson...	Wm Chamblee..	Clay.....	10	1		1			34	1.50					1.55	
W A Turnage	T J Taylor.....	Cliff.....				1	2	3	73	6.00			1.56	16.25	1.15	
J E Anthony..	Mrs D Haddox...	Tremont.....	10	11	3				24	4.60					.30	
N T Clayton..	J H Powill.....	Fulton.....	4		7	1			14	7.75					.20	
W D Bookout	T J Doster.....	.....	1	1	1		2		11				.50		.50	
W D Bookout	N G Summerford	Elkville.....	8	3					19					10.25	.75	
A F Cole.....	J J Little.....	Emma.....	2	9		1			32					25.00	1.00	
W A Turnage	C M Graham....	Ingraham.....	8	1					44						1.00	
D R McClung	J T Carmack....	Chick.....	4		1				30	5.50					1.00	
			5	7		1	2		69						1.40	
D R McClung	J S Campbell....	Golden.....	2	4	1				10	1.90					.50	
J M Harrison	A J Storment....	Highland.....		1	1	2	1	3	31					10.00	.75	
W W Gilbert	S C Hodges.....	Hodges.....	10		1		12		61	6.00					1.00	
W A Turnage	J M F Neal.....	Highland.....					2		42	8.15				31.00	1.05	
W W Gilbert	A G W Byram..	Dennis.....	6	3	4		10		58					12.05	1.25	
J M Harrison	W H Hamilton..	Belmont.....	9	3	2			5	53	1.86				7.50	.90	
L M Taylor...	W T McClung...	Mann.....	10	3	1	1	2		49					11.25	1.05	
D R McClung	S A Byram.....	Voy.....	5	2	1				47	2.50				25.00	1.00	
D R McClung	W S Stephens...	Burtons..	4	1			2		43	4.65					.60	
J M Harrison	F M Newel.....	Coke							44						.75	
L M Taylor...	.....	Mingo.							63							
.....	.....	.....	121	64	21	14	52	21	1,119	$98.81	$.75	$3.60	$7.76	$248.10	$22.55	

—Hopewell church was not represented. The total membership last report, 32. The amount paid to Associational $150. Impossible to give amount of each church when so much was contributed at different meetings.—CLERK.

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